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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/49/590) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/781).

3. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 37th meetings, on 16 and 22 December 1994. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.33 and 37).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.10

4. At the 37th meeting, on 22 December, the representative of Latvia introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus" (A/C.5/49/L.10), submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.10 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, and resolution 927 (1994) of 15 June 1994, by which the Council further renewed the mandate of the Force until 31 December 1994,

Recalling also its resolution 48/244 of 5 April 1994 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Expressing its appreciation also to all those Member and Observer States who have made voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for the financing of the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993,

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1/ A/49/590.

2/ A/49/781.

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all of the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States, 3/

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Notes the status of contributions to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus as at 14 December 1994, including the contributions outstanding in the amounts of 8,227,668 United States dollars for the Force, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, due to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 11,950,000 dollars gross (11,507,700 dollars net), authorized and apportioned by the General Assembly in paragraph 16 of its resolution 48/244, for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 16 June to 31 December 1994;

7. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 21,916,600 dollars gross (21,503,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1995, inclusive of the one-third share of the cost of the Force to be met through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of 6.5 million dollars of the Government of Greece, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 December 1994;

8. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 11,316,600 dollars gross (10,903,300 dollars net) among Member States for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1995, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of

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3/ S/1994/647.

21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997, 4/ subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 December 1994 and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

9. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 413,300 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1995;

10. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment of Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balances of 1,422,400 dollars gross (1,349,600 dollars net) in respect of the Force for the period from 16 December 1993 to 15 June 1994 and 249,900 dollars gross (190,900 dollars net) for the period from 16 June to 31 December 1994;

11. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 43,472,300 dollars gross (42,645,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996, inclusive of the one-third share of the cost of the Force to be met through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of 6.5 million dollars of the Government of Greece, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1995, and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

12. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 22,481,500 dollars gross (21,654,900 dollars net) among Member States for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1995, and the mandate periods to be decided upon by the Council;

13. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 826,600 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, by April 1995, a financial performance report for the Force for the period from 16 June to 31 December 1994;

4/ See resolution 49/___.

15. Decides to continue to maintain as separate the account established prior to 16 June 1993 for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

16. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in paragraphs 25 and 29 (d) of his report 1/ for dealing with the problem of the outstanding balance due to the troop contributors for the period prior to 16 June 1993, and urges all Member States to consider making voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for this purpose;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus".